

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the December 14, 2006 Office Action. The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters regarding rejected claims 112-113, 121-125, 130-140, 218-228, 230, 233-236, and 238-246. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions as set forth below. Accordingly, claims 112 and 234 have been amended. Claim 233 has been canceled, without prejudice.

In accordance with the Examiner's instructions, Applicants have changed the "of" to "for" in claim 112, line 15.

Next, Applicants have canceled claim 233 because it depended on canceled claim 227.

Finally, Applicants have amended claim 234 to now recite means for performing the claimed functions. Specifically, Applicants have included "means for" language into the claim.

In conclusion, and in view of the Remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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